

October 14, 2004

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation – CC Docket No. 01-338**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this will provide notice that on October 14, 2004, Peter Field, President of USA TELEPHONE, and David Puskala, President & CEO of Superior Technologies, Inc. met with Russell Hanser, Ian J. Dillner, Marcus Maher, Tim Stelzig, Carol Simpson, Jeremy Miller, Gail Cohen, Chris Canter and Cathy Zema in the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competition Policy Division and Erin Boone, in the Office of Strategic Planning & Policy Analysis.

During the course of the meeting, Mr. Field and Mr. Puskala reiterated points they made in previous filings and ex parte submissions in this docket. In particular, they discussed the need for a proposed rural "carve-out" in the Commission's permanent unbundling rules for telecommunications providers that serve primarily residential and small businesses in traditionally underserved rural areas. This letter, and the attached document which was handed out at the meeting by Mr. Puskala, are being filed today for inclusion in the record in the above-captioned proceeding.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, one copy of this letter and the attached document are being filed electronically with your office for inclusion in the public record. Please do not hesitate to call me at (207) 467-8358 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Paulina Collins, General Counsel  
USA TELEPHONE